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SUBJECT: WOULD-BE DEMONSTRATORS DETAINED

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1. ACCORDING JAKARTA PRESS, JULIUS USMAN AND TWO
OTHER MEMBES OF HIS "INDONESIAN YOUNGER GENERATION
OPPOSITION" (EARLIER TERMED "STUDENT ACTION FOR
OPPOSITION) WERE DETAINED BY REGIONAL SECURITY
AUTHORITIES (KOPKAMTIBDA) ON DECEMBER 2. AUTHORITIES
HAD PREVIOUSLY WARNED THAT PERENNIAL ACTIVIST USMAN
WAS TYPICAL OF "IRRESPONSIBLE" ELEMENTS WHO MIGHT
EXPLOIT GENUINE, "UNDERSTANDABLE" STUDENT PROTEST.
AUTHORITIES CLAIMED THAT ONE O USMAN'S DETAINED
COLLEAGUES ALSO INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS ABUSE.
ACCORDING KOMPAS OTHER MEMBERS OF "YOUNGER GENERATION
OPPOSITION" WERE GATHERING ON FOLLOWING MORNING TO
CONTINUE PROTEST AT CAPITAL INVESTMENT COORDINATING
BOARD, BUT DISPERSED WITHOUT DOING SO WHEN THE DELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TAINED USMAN FAILED TO APPEAR.

- 2. EDITORIAL IN DECEMBER 3 INDONESIA RAYA WARNED THAT GOI SHOULD NOT REPEAT MAOIST TACTICS OF ENCOURAGING "HUNDRED FLOWERS" TO BLOOM ONLY AS A PLOY TO LURE CRITICS INTO THE OPEN (A REFERENCE TO GENERAL SUMITRO'S RECENT STRESS ON "NEW LEADERSHIP PATTERN" FEATURING "TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION" WITH PEOPLE). MEANWHILE PROMINENT ATTORNEY BUYUNG NASUTION AND YOUTH LEADER CHAIDIR MAKERIM (BROTHER OF STUDENT DAILY HARIAN KAMI EDITOR NONO ANWAR MAKARIM) WERE AMONG THOSE WHO PUBLICLY CRITICIZED AUTHORITIES' DECEMBER 1 WARNING TO STUDENTS TO STOP ACTIVITIES WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO "NEGATIVE EXCESSES".
- 3. COMMENT: IF PAST POLICY MEANS ANYTHING,
 AUTHORITIES WILL RELEASE USMAN AFTER EXTENSIVE
 QUESTIONING, PERHAPS WITHIN A FEW DAYS. AS NOTED
 REFTEL HE IS WELLKNOWN HOTHEAD IRRESISTABLY DRAWN
 TO PROTEST ACTIVITIES BUT WITHOUT ORGANIZED FOLLOWING
 OR CONNECTION WITH CAMPUS GROUPS WHO ARE CONTINUING
 THERI DISCUSSION ACTIVITIES CRITICIZING ECONOMIC
 POLICY (OR RATHER WHAT THEY SEE AS LACK OF
 EFFECTIVE POLICY) OF GOI.
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